THE SPEECHES OF OUTSIDERS
IN ACTS

How does Luke’s portrait of the outsider help in exploring the theology and historiography of Acts? Previous studies of the author and his work have concentrated on the speeches given by insiders – members of the early Christian church – but until now the speeches of the outsiders have been marginalised by scholars in the field. Osvaldo Padilla takes a highly original approach by concentrating on the direct speech of such figures, arguing that the portrayal of outsiders to a religious movement should not be neglected when considering the author’s viewpoint. By exploring the place of outsiders in Old Testament and Second Temple literature, then offering comparisons with the depictions found in Acts, Padilla provides a fresh, insightful take on the subject that will prove invaluable to scholars and students of biblical and early Christian studies.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AB    Anchor Bible
AcOr  *Acta orientalia*
AGJU  *Arbeiten zur Geschichte des antiken Judentums und des Urchristentums*
AnBib *Analecta biblica*
ANTC *Abingdon New Testament Commentary*
BAFCS *The Book of Acts in its First Century Setting*
BAR  *Biblical Archaeological Review*
BETL  *Bibliotheca ephemeridum theologicarum loyaniensium*
BGBE  Beitrag zur Geschichte der biblischen Exegese
Bib  *Biblica*
BZNW  Beilage zur Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft
CBQ  *Catholic Biblical Quarterly*
CBQMS *Catholic Biblical Quarterly Monograph Series*
CBR  *Currents in Biblical Research*
CP  *Classical Philology*
GBS  Guides to Biblical Scholarship
GNS  Good News Studies
HDR  Harvard Dissertations in Religion
HKAT  Handkommentar zum Alten Testament
HTKNT  Herders Theologischer Kommentar zum Neuen Testament
HTR  *Harvard Theological Review*
ICC  International Critical Commentary
## Abbreviations

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<td>KEKNT</td>
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Abbreviations

SBLEJL  Society of Biblical Literature Early Judaism and its Literature
SBLMS  Society of Biblical Literature Monograph Series
SBLSCS  Society of Biblical Literature Septuagint and Cognate Studies
SBLTT  Society of Biblical Literature Texts and Translations
SBS  Stuttgarter Bibelstudien
SJLA  Studies in Judaism in Late Antiquity
SNTSMS  Society for New Testament Studies Monograph Series
SSN  Studia semitica neerlandica
SUNT  Studien zur Umwelt des Neuen Testaments
SwJT  Southwestern Journal of Theology
TNTC  Tyndale New Testament Commentary
TQ  Theologische Quartalschrift
TSAJ  Texte und Studien zum antiken Judentum

Tyndale Bulletin
VT  Vetus Testamentum
WBC  Word Biblical Commentary
WMANT  Wissenschaftliche Monographien zum Alten und Neuen Testament
WUNT  Wissenschaftliche Untersuchungen zum Neuen Testament

ZNW  Zeitschrift für die neutestamentliche Wissenschaft und die Kunde der älteren Kirche